

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 374
By DuBois

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Patricia A. Ridley on her selection as Building Level Teacher of the Year at J.E. Woodard Elementary School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Patricia A. Ridley is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Ridley has recently been selected Building Level Teacher of the Year by J.E. Woodard Elementary School, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, she received both her Bachelor's degree and her Master's degree from Middle Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Ridley has served with acumen and alacrity as a fourth grade and fifth grade teacher for more than twelve exemplary years; she has taught elementary school for more than seventeen years; and

WHEREAS, not content to leave her important work solely in the classroom, she is also involved as an active member of a number of professional organizations, including the Maury

County Education Association, the Tennessee Education Association, the National Education Association, the International Reading Association, and the Southern Association of Accredited Schools; and

WHEREAS, she is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Ridley sets an excellent example for her students, as she has been involved in many activities in her community, including the Woodard Parent Teacher Association, the American Heart Association, the American Cancer Society, and the Mothers' March of Dimes; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Ridley truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Patricia A. Ridley truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Patricia A. Ridley on being selected Building Level Teacher of the Year at J.E. Woodard Elementary School, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.